

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

21 JUNE 1962

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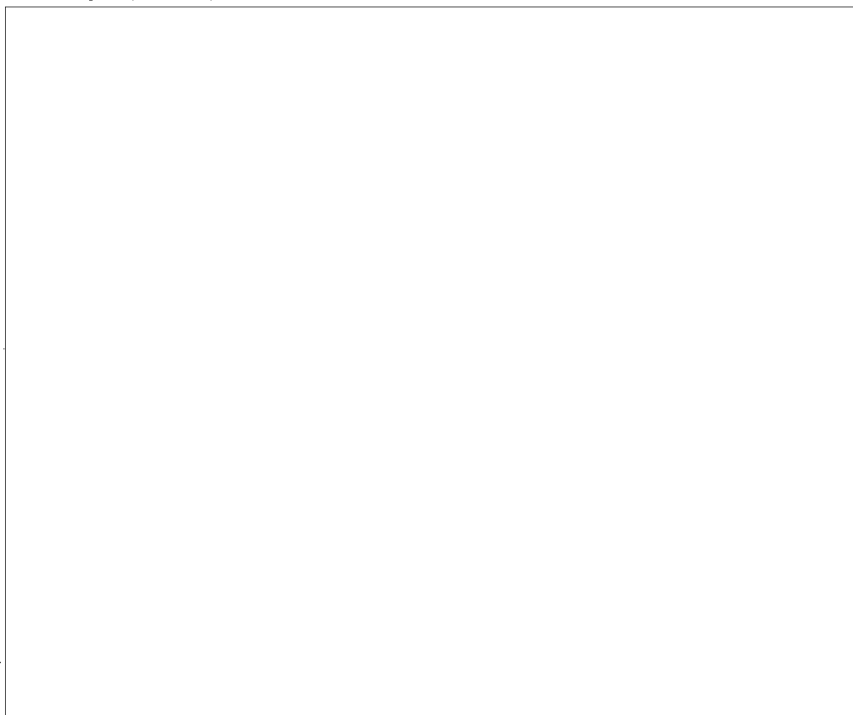
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1. Communist China

a. Concentration of forces in the Amoy area opposite the Chinmens continues.



2. Laos

Phoumi has conceded a point to Souvanna and has agreed to make no mention of the assembly in the King's investiture ordinance. Souvanna in turn has dropped his insistence that the assembly be dissolved before investiture, but has referred to Souphannouvong Phoumi's request that assembly members be present, along with others, at the oath-taking ceremony. Meanwhile, time is fast running out. The Plaine des Jarres agreement specifies that unless the new government is installed by tomorrow, the deal is off. Souvanna says he will leave for Paris on Saturday in any case.

3. West New Guinea issue

Sukarno is still holding out for even more explicit assurances from the Dutch. The Indonesian foreign ministry, however, seems to be proceeding on the assumption that negotiations will resume almost immediately and has already opened unofficial contact with the Dutch here. We have many indications that the Indonesian military continue to prepare for a larger-scale operation against New Guinea before the end of the month.

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4. Canadian

5. Congo

UN representative Gardiner thinks he will need until mid-July to conclude the Tshombé-Adoula talks one way or another, but he is not sure things will hold together that long. He is trying to check rumors that an attack by government forces is under way against Kongolo and Baudoinville in North Katanga. If true, Tshombé may break things off. If false, Adoula may sense a Tshombé provocation and retire to his tent.

6. Soviet missile tests

We were unable to determine the type of an ICBM fired to Kamchatka yesterday.

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NOTES

- A. Prime Minister Sarit is alleged by the press to have said today that Thailand would respect the court decision on the disputed temple. [redacted] this sounds like too much of an about face to be the whole story. 50X1
- B. The reshuffle of the Syrian cabinet yesterday has strengthened the influence of the army--now generally wary of union with Egypt. Thus bolstered, the regime may last a little longer than had earlier seemed likely, but coup plotting by pro-Nasser elements continues and will probably now be intensified. [redacted] 50X1
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- C. The pro-Communist Barisan Socialist party in Singapore faces certain suppression when Singapore merges with Malaya--possibly as early as August. The party has been unable to block the merger by parliamentary action to overthrow the government and may now attempt violent action.

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USIB WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING

20 June 1962

The Committee changed its standard conclusion that no Sino-Soviet Bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the near future. It concluded that the unprecedented Chinese Communist military buildup in the Taiwan Strait area has substantially increased China's offensive capabilities and is consistent with plans to launch an attack against the offshore islands, probably the Chinmens.

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